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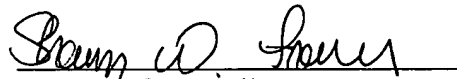
REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CLAIM TO PRIORITY  
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Sir:

In support of Applicants' claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, a Claim to Priority was filed on August 17, 1999, together with a certified copy of the priority document number 10-057249. To date, Applicant has not received confirmation that the Claim to Priority and certified copy of the priority. It is therefore respectfully requested that acknowledgment of receipt of the Claim to Priority and certified copy of the priority document be provided at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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